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MARRIAGE.  
On the 10th December at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, by the Rev. D. Holland Stubbs, Arthur Coulcher to JENNETH AMELIA, THeresa HABEKOST. DEATH.On the 21st December, 1900, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, ROBERT DOWKIN, late Master of steamer *Pekin*.The Daily Press.  
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LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

HONGKONG, December 29th, 1900

THAT THE EMPEROR KWANG HSU will shortly return to Peking, and that negotiations for peace will then commence in earnest there now seems no reasonable doubt. The Empress Dowager and her tools have long and strenuously resisted this move, but they are beginning, apparently, to feel that further opposition to His Majesty's return to the Capital would be useless and only retard and render more difficult any chance of a settlement with the Treaty Powers. If it be correct that the Empress Dowager has decided to proceed to Wuchang, such fact may be construed to mean either that the old lady has thrown up the sponge altogether and decided to retire, or that she hopes to so influence CHANG-CHIN-TUNG and his fellow Viceroy of Central China as to induce them to offer a passive resistance to foreign demands and wear out foreign endurance and patience by ever extending delays. The Empress Dowager is so dogged and so opposed to foreigners generally that she certainly would not stick at any scheme which might seem to offer a chance of checkmating the enemy. There would seem to be another course open to the Treaty Powers which would effectually dispose of all opportunity for the treachery to which the Chinese officials so constantly resort when cornered. That course hardly needs indicating. It is so obvious that he that runs may read. An exaggerated respect for the person of a ruler has so far prevented the Powers from coming to the reasonable determination to depose and hold as a state prisoner the Empress Dowager, but the divinity that is supposed to hedge a king hardly appertains to the concubine of a former Emperor, who has risen from the ranks. Though the Empress Dowager is a woman of undoubted ability, and has shown equal craft and courage, yet she is not a person for whose feelings any great degree of sympathy need be displayed. She has had her innings and has used it to her own great benefit. For more than thirty years she has, as regent or as

usurper, managed to sway the destinies of China and has pulled the strings which have ordered its policy. Always secretly inimical to foreigners, she has consistently succeeded in keeping the clock of progress set back, and in relegateing all wise and useful measures of reform to the background. Her latest developments, as patroness of the Boxers and the sanctioner of massacre and

outrage, have proved that only the opportunity was lacking for her to display a refined cruelty worthy of Eastern tyrants of old time or any modern semi-civilised savages. For our part, we see no reason to treat Her Majesty with exceptional indulgence. She has imbrued her hands in innocent blood and has been guilty of barbarous butcheries. Moreover, she cannot be trusted for the future. It would be better therefore to strip her of the power to work evil. We would not advocate unnecessary severity, but it would undoubtedly be wise policy to exile this offender to another country, where she could ruminate on the instability of human affairs and the probability of a Nemesis overtaking wrong-doing even in exalted places. This would be a wonderful object lesson to the Chinese people and would impress them more profoundly with the far-reaching power of the Western States than any display of force or a hundred sanguinary victories on the field of battle. More especially would the lesson find enforcement if it were taught synchronously with a benevolent and friendly support of the Emperor KWANG HSU at Peking. If on the other hand the Empress Dowager is allowed to reside where she wishes, to exercise the powers and assume the state of a monarch, and to receive the homage of the people, she will soon again become potent for mischief, and possibly succeed in stirring up ill-feeling to foreigners in parts hitherto comparatively free from the Boxer crusade.

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Mr. H. E. Pollock, the Hon. Treasurer of the Seaman's Church and Mission Fund, acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following further subscription:—

Messrs. Holliday Wise &amp; Co. ... \$50

The steamer *Whampoa* (Messrs. Butterfield and Swire) collided in the harbour on Thursday, off Kowloon Point, with ballast boat No. 469, capsizing her. The crew, numbering twenty, were picked up by the steam launch *Yau Lee*.

The Band of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers will play at the Hongkong Hotel this evening from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. The programme will be:—March. "Eustic Bridge" ... Bojers Polka. "Old China" ... Cook Selection. "Haddon Hall" ... Sullivan Polka. "Mia Roschen" ... Waldfeld Polka. "Eip Van Winkle" ... Planquette Exert. Valse. "El Dorado" ... Royle "God save the Queen."

What is meant by the statement on a notice-board on the new Blake Pier that except for certain objects sampans are not to "lay" alongside the wharf? We are sure that the Captain Superintendent of Police, whose name appears at the bottom, is not aware of the order to which he stands committed. One is reminded of the town-councillor who, when it was proposed to start a gondola on the ornamental waters of a certain provincial town gardens at home, moved an amendment that "a pair should be purchased for breeding purposes."

Inspector McEwan, of the Naval Yard, with four members of the town police, last evening celebrated his tenth year in the colony by entertaining a number of the town police, with their friends, to a dinner in Thomas's Grill Room. The company numbered twenty-five, and there were three pipers in attendance, who beguiled the evening with reels, schottisches, etc. Mrs. McEwan, wife of the host, sang several Scotch songs very creditably, after which Inspectors McNab and Cuthbert, on behalf of the company, thanked Inspector McEwan for the entertainment so generously provided. Dancing was then indulged in until midnight.

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Rowing Races.

1.—International four-oared race. Entrance \$10.

2.—Sprint fours, limited to two crews each from Victoria Recreation Club and the Hongkong Boat Club. Entrance \$10.

3.—Single sculling tub race. Entrance \$2.

4.—A race for live-oared whalers, belonging to the Royal Navy. 1st prize \$20. 2nd prize \$10.

5.—A race for six-oared galleys, belonging to men of war of any nationality. 1st prize \$25. 2nd prize \$12.

6.—A race for twelve-oared cutters, belonging to the Royal Navy. 1st prize \$40. 2nd prize \$20.

7.—A race for—sailed boats, belonging to the Garrison. 1st prize \$25. 2nd prize \$10.

8.—A race for all boats, belonging to the Royal Navy. 1st prize \$30. 2nd prize \$15.

In races 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, four boats to start on no second prize will be given.

The course for shore-to-shore is from opposite Yau Ma Tei, finishing at H.M.S. "Wissen" distance about three-quarters of a mile, except for No. 3, which will be about half-a-mile.

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## HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

In our advertising column to-day this well-known entertainment is announced, and the public are promised novelties which hitherto managers in the East have been unable to secure. M. Ajax, the marvellous hand balancer, and the famous Eldron Brothers, aerial performers, are artists known at all the principal centres of Europe, while the amazons like equestriennes and dashing broadsword sparringists, with a fine stud of horses, funny clowns and a large menagerie of performing animals, form but a part of this large establishment. Time was when a few cream-coloured horses, some dazzling posters and a huge elephant made up a circus, but to-day the amount of capital required in these entertainments is necessarily great, and artists can command large salaries which would make an ordinary citizen envious, and the management to get the best must be liberal in allowances. Even the costumes have entered upon the inevitable development from the simple to the complex, and in place of the tattered drap and garish spangles of other days are seen the neatest of costumes and costly embroidery, the wardrobe and trappings of a modern circus being valued at thousands of pounds. Every department now has its head, and business is run on strictly commercial principles, with the concomitants of advance agents, financial managers, and press agents, and the manager's expenses are no unworthy example of this class of enterprise. The Company numbers 125 people, 40 horses, 3 large performing tents, 20 cages of wild animals, 2 elephants, performing goats, and monkeys and the only "Bassarons" in captivity. They will shortly arrive by special chartered steamer and will appear on the recreation ground near the Race Course. Due notice will be given.

## STAN FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Yesterday at noon an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in connection with the above Company was held at the Company's Office, the following being the business:—

1.—To consider and if thought fit to approve the draft New Regulations which will be submitted to the meeting and in the event of the approval thereof with or without modification or alterations.

2.—To consider and if thought fit to pass a Resolution to the effect that the New Regulations already approved by this Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof, be and the same are hereby approved, and that such Regulations be and the same are hereby adopted as the Regulations thereof.

Mr. P. Sachse presided, and there were also present Messrs. J. A. Mackay (director), E. Osborne (secretary), G. C. Moron, A. J. May, Mr. T. C. Weller, D. M. Moses, A. J. Moore, E. P. Wadham, and George Newbold.

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In our advertising column to-day this well-known entertainment is announced, and the public are promised novelties which hitherto managers in the East have been unable to secure. M. Ajax, the marvellous hand balancer, and the famous Eldron Brothers, aerial performers, are artists known at all the principal centres of Europe, while the amazons like equestriennes and dashing broadsword sparringists, with a fine stud of horses, funny clowns and a large menagerie of performing animals, form but a part of this large establishment. Time was when a few cream-coloured horses, some dazzling posters and a huge elephant made up a circus, but to-day the amount of capital required in these entertainments is necessarily great, and artists can command large salaries which would make an ordinary citizen envious, and the management to get the best must be liberal in allowances. Even the costumes have entered upon the inevitable development from the simple to the complex, and in place of the tattered drap and garish spangles of other days are seen the neatest of costumes and costly embroidery, the wardrobe and trappings of a modern circus being valued at thousands of pounds. Every department now has its head, and business is run on strictly commercial principles, with the concomitants of advance agents, financial managers, and press agents, and the manager's expenses are no unworthy example of this class of enterprise. The Company numbers 125 people, 40 horses, 3 large performing tents, 20 cages of wild animals, 2 elephants, performing goats, and monkeys and the only "Bassarons" in captivity. They will shortly arrive by special chartered steamer and will appear on the recreation ground near the Race Course. Due notice will be given.

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Apparently so far as we know at present only some 20 per cent. of the malarial mosquitoes are infected with the malarial germ. We also know that of all mosquitoes the malarial species forms quite a small proportion, so that 2 or 3 per cent. would probably be a high percentage to take for the infected ones.

It is therefore extremely difficult for me to believe that this small percentage can account for all the malaria there is in the world, more especially as I have pointed out that, often where there are most mosquitoes there is very little malaria, and where there are no mosquitoes absolutely every individual is suffering from it.

I should recommend "Medico" and "Resident" to dismount from their hobbies, until they can offer more enlightened explanations.

I am but a humble soothsayer after light, but must enter my protest against the blind leading the blind.—Yours, etc.,

## VERNON &amp; SMYTH'S SHARE REPORT.

Mrs. Vernon & Smyth say in their Weekly Share Report dated Hongkong, 28th December:—The Christmas holidays have greatly interfered with business, but rates continue firm and in most cases show an improvement.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai have changed hands at \$360, \$349 and \$348 per cent. premium for cash, and at \$353 per cent. and \$365 per cent. premium for March, closing with sales at \$350, probably at \$349.

MARINE INSURANCES.—No business to report, except a sale of Union at \$245.

SHIPPING.—Indo-China have been placed at \$97 and \$99 cash, and at \$99, \$100 and \$101 for January, closing steady at \$96 ex div. paid to-day. Other stocks under this heading, with the exception of Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats, which have fallen to \$33, call for no attention.

REFINERIES.—No business to report, but the market for China Sugars is at \$119.

MINTING.—With the exception of a few sales of Puntungs and Caledonians at quotations there is nothing to report.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks ruled very firm in the early part of the week, with buyers at \$550 per cent. and no shares obtainable, and later the rate rose to \$560 and \$565 per cent. prem. with sales each. On this a few small lots have changed hands at \$560 and \$560 per cent. prem. for April delivery, and later at \$560 for March. Kowloon Wharves show a good advance, with sales at \$59, \$59 and \$61, market closing firm at the last rate. Wanchai unchanged.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—With the exception of small sales of Lands at \$188 per cent., and an unsatisfied demand forward at a little better than, equivalent rates, there is nothing to report under this heading.

COTTON MILLS.—Ewes have been dealt in to a limited extent by dealers at \$184 and \$185 per cent., and an unsatisfied demand forward at the advanced rate of \$21 and \$22.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Watkins have been placed at \$12, \$12.10, and \$12.50, closing steadily. Electric at \$12.10, Cements at \$20. Fouwicks at \$15 and Tramways at \$204 cum and \$100 ex dividend.

MEMOS.—Extraordinary General Meeting Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company on 31st inst. General meeting of shareholders Great Eastern and Caledonian Gold Mining Company (in Liquidation) on 29th December. Extraordinary General Meeting Great Eastern and Caledonian Gold Mining Co. (Incorporated 1899) on Saturday, 29th December. An Interim dividend of 4 per cent. at ex 2/1st \$381.14 paid to-day on account of Indo-China S. N. Co. 1900 account.

DIRECTORS.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, Messrs. G. Atzenroth and A. Denison retire by rotation, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

MANAGEMENT.

The Board have appointed Mr. M. Bennecke as Manager, and he has taken over the properties from Mr. A. W. Best and assumed charge at the mines.

AUDITOR.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. A. O'D. Gourdin

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## NOTICE.

THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE of HONGKONG and SOUTH CHINA will hold its TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING at the Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, at 9 P.M. THIS EVENING, the 29th December. All Master Masons are cordially invited to attend.

A. O. D. GOURDIN,  
D. G. Secretary.  
Hongkong, 29th December, 1900. [3283]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have been favoured with instructions to sell by Public Auction, at the Siege Train Bullock Lines, Kowloon, ON MONDAY, the 7th January, 1901, at 3 P.M., Ten FINE LARGE BULLOCKS in Good Condition. For further particulars, apply to HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers to the Government. Hongkong, 29th December, 1900. [3277]

## THE HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THERE will be a HANDICAP SWEEP-STAKES TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 29th inst., commencing at 2.30 P.M. Entries on the Range till 3 P.M. Entrance 50 cents, divided into three prizes with \$30 added. Range—200, 500 and 600 yards. Position prone. Shots seven and one eight.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 29th December, 1900. [3283]

## NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

IN Accordance with the Provisions of Ordinance No. 1875, the under-mentioned Banks will be CLOSED for the transaction of Public Business on TUESDAY, the 1st January, 1901.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA and CHINA, T. P. COCHRANE, Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Chief Manager.

For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED, JOHN THURBURN, Manager, Hongkong.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, Hongkong Agency, L. BERINDOAGUE, Acting Manager.

For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED, J. C. BERGENDAHL, Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED, TARO HODSUMI, Manager.

For the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA, E. W. RUTTER, Manager.

For the DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHE BANK, H. SCHOTTLAENDER, Acting Manager. Hongkong, 29th December, 1900. [3280]

## NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

THE Undermentioned Insurance Offices will be CLOSED for the transaction of Public Business on TUESDAY, the 1st January, 1901.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED, General Managers.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO. LTD. For the UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

W. J. SAUNDERS, Secretary.

For the NORTH CHINA INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

W. H. PERCIVAL, Agent.

For the CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

H. P. WADMAN, Acting Secretary.

For the YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

SHEWAN, TOMEY & CO., Agents.

For the CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD. GEO. L. TOMLIN, Secretary. Hongkong, 29th December, 1900. [3279]

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS is now ready and contains—

Leading Articles—

• Affairs at Christmastide.

• The Repression of British Energy.

• News and the Censorship.

• Overcrowding and Expansion.

• Manchuria v. the Yangtze Valley.

• The Crisis: Telegraphs.

• Russian Operations in Manchuria.

• The Crisis in China.

• Beiluo Public School for Girls.

• Charge against a Company Director.

• Opening of a New Port.

• Children's Gals Day at the Central Police Station.

• Meeting of Justices.

• The Theatre.

• Canton.

• Sandakan.

• Manila.

• Correspondence.

• Fund in Aid of Sufferers from the Recent Typhoon.

• Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Co.

• Hongkong High Level Tramways Co. Ltd.

• Jelobu Mining and Trading Company.

• The Great Eastern and Caledonian Gold Mining Co., Limited.

• Cricket.

• Football.

• Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.

• Official Salaries in Hongkong.

• Mr. T. H. Whitehead of China.

• The Peace Negotiations.

• Official Report of the German Expedition.

• Hongkong and Port News.

• Subscription, \$12 per Annum, payable in advance; postage, 32 cents each.

• Extra copies 30 cents each, postage.

• Copies can be posted from the Office to addresses sent, including postage 34 cents each, or \$1 for three copies, postage.

• Hongkong, 29th December, 1900.

## NOTICE.

THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE of HONGKONG and SOUTH CHINA will hold its TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## NOTICE.

FOR SALE in H. M. NAVAL YARD, by private treaty, about 7 Tons of OLD CAST and FORGED STEEL, and 10 Tons of WROUGHT IRON.

Also a Quantity of MACHINERY and SHOP PLANT in a serviceable or repairable condition.

The Articles may be seen on application to the Chief Engineer, and Forms of Tender obtained from the NAVAL STORE OFFICER.

Tenders marked "OLD IRON MATERIALS" should be placed in the Box at the Main Gate not later than NOON, on FRIDAY, 4th January, 1901.

By Order. Hongkong, 29th December, 1900. [3276]

## WANTED.

A PORTUGUESE CLERK, with some Office Routine. Applications stating Salary required.

Address—

A. L., Care of Daily Press Office. Hongkong, 29th December, 1900. [3282]

## THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

## NOTICE.

THE TANJONG PAGAR DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED, SINGAPORE.

WANTED—An ASSISTANT MANAGER, Salary \$750 per month, with free Unfurnished House.

Applications and Copies of Testimonials to be sent to the under-signed.

Appointment to be taken up as soon as possible.

THOS. SCOTT, Chairman.

WANTED—A CIVIL ENGINEER one who has had experience in building Wharves and Docks preferred. Applications and Testimonials to be sent to—

THOS. SCOTT, Chairman.

## THE EVENT OF THE YEAR.

## HARMSTON'S CIRCUS AND GIGANTIUM MENAGERIE OF PERFORMING ANIMALS.

THE OLDEST and BEST TENTED EXHIBITION on EARTH.

It is coming in all its Magnificence and will prove to be a Mighty Magnet.

TIME-TESTED IN THE CRUCIBLE OF PUBLIC OPINION.

An All-including, Overshadowing Amusement Federation of unquestioned responsibility and Sterling Merit.

MASSIVE IN PROPORTION.

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UNDIVIDED! UNDIMINISHED!

UNEQUALLED!

A Show that presents an

ARRAY of Thoroughly REPUTABLE ARTISTS, who furnish an Entertainment that is

THE EPITOME OF EXCELLENCE.

AN OVERWHELMING CIRCUS PRESENTED

SENTIMENTALNESS

TELEGRAMS

VALUABLE ATTRACTION.

IT COMES TO HONGKONG

After a prosperous tour of India, Burma, Straits Settlements and Java, and

SEVEN WEEKS OF UNPRECEDENTED SUCCESS

IN THE CITY OF CALCUTTA.

IT HAS been accorded the highest honors ever

met with by any Circus organized,

and is justly styled

THE WORLD'S GREATEST SHOW.

LOCATION—RECREATION GROUND,

NEAR RACE COURSE.

One Notice will be given of the

GRAND OPENING.

MR. HARMSTON, LOVE, Proprietors.

ROBERT LOVE, Manager.

COL. CHAS. B. HICKS, Representative.

HANS DREWIZ, Agent.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1900. [3278]

## DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR HAIPHONG.

THE Company's Steamship

HAICHING.

Captain Hall, will be despatched for the above

TO-MORROW, the 30th inst., at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPEAK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1900. [3274]

## INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

CHELYDRA.

Captain Davies, will be despatched as above

ON FRIDAY, the 4th January, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1900. [3275]

I. M. LAGO, ARTIST IN CRAYON, OIL AND WATER COLOURS.

DECORATOR of the Royal House of Her

Majesty the Queen of Spain and of the

Royal Palace of Malacaossa of Manila and

Professor of the College of Arts of Manila.

Is prepared to give lessons in private

residences.

Also will take orders for Decorations in Oil

Painting in Modern Style.

Best artistic and high class work guaranteed.

Private lessons given on the Guitar.

Terms Moderate.

NO. 30, EIGHT STREET.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1900. [3225]

STRAYED from 13, Praha East, a small

WHITE and TAN HALF-BRED TERRIER. Injured right ear. Reward at

above address.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1900. [3271]

## ENTERTAINMENTS.

## THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.



## VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & RD.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL	BENGAL	Brit. str.	S. Barcham	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 5th Jan., at Noon.	
LONDON	DANDANSHU	Brit. str.	Steve	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 8th Jan.	
LIVERPOOL	BRITPEUS	Brit. str.	Day	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 22nd Jan.	
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	ACHILLES	Brit. str.	Brown	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On or about 22nd Jan.	
MARSEILLES, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL	PRINZ HEINRICH	Ger. str.	R. Heintze	MELCHERS & CO.	On 1st Jan., at Noon.	
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL	OCEANIAN	Fren. str.	Schmitz	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 1st inst., at 1 P.M.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	KAMAKURA MARU	Jap. str.	H. Peterson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 4th Jan., at Daylight.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	WITTENBERG	Ger. str.	Hempel	CARLOWITZ & CO.	To-day.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SAMBIA	Ger. str.	Schmitz	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On or about 23rd Jan.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SILESIA	Ger. str.	Muller	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On or about 15th Feb.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SIBELIA	Ger. str.	Braun	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On or about 26th Feb.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	FEERBURG	Ger. str.	Proesch	DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	Quick despatch.	
NEW YORK VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL	HUNSON	Brit. str.	Douglas	SHEWAN, THOMES & CO.	On or about 5th Jan.	
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	DUNSHIRE	Brit. str.	R. Archibald, R.N.E.	ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.	Quick despatch.	
NEW YORK	R. MORROW	Brit. str.	J. S. Cox	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 16th Jan.	
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	EMPEROR OF CHINA	Brit. str.	G. D. Bowles, R.N.E.	DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	On 31st inst.	
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	DUKE OF FIFE	Brit. str.	T. M. Stevens & Co.	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On or about 31st inst.	
PORTLAND (OREGON) U.S.A.	TARTAR	Nor. str.	J. McIntyre	ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.	On or about 40th Jan.	
PORTLAND, OREGON &c. VIA JAPAN, &c.	ADATO	Brit. str.	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 15th Jan.		
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	NIPPON MARU	Jap. str.	O. & O. S. S. CO.	On 12th Jan., at Noon.		
SAN FRANCISCO VIA AMOY, &c.	DORIC	Brit. str.	PACIFIC MAIL S. S. CO.	On 5th Jan., at Noon.		
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	CITY OF R. DE JANEIRO	Amer. str.	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 22nd Jan., at Noon.		
SAN DIEGO, &c. VIA MOJI, &c.	BERGENHUS	Brit. str.	GIBR. LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 3rd Jan.		
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	AUSTRALIAN	Brit. str.	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 3rd Jan., at 4 P.M.		
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	TAIYUAN	Brit. str.	JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO.	On 10th Jan.		
KOBE & NAGASAKI	CHUNSAMO	Brit. str.	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 31st inst., at 3 P.M.		
SHANGHAI	WOOSHING	Brit. str.	SIEMENS & CO.	On 31st inst.		
SHANGHAI	HAIKHO	Ger. str.	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 31st inst., at 4 P.M.		
SHANGHAI	INDUS	Fren. str.	EAST ASIATIC TRADING CO.	On or about 31st inst.		
SHANGHAI	LYMEON	Ger. str.	P. & O. S. N. CO.	On 3rd Jan., at 4 P.M.		
SHANGHAI & JAPAN	PENINSULAR	Brit. str.	E. Prell	MELCHERS & CO.	On or about 12th Jan.	
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HOKKA & YOKOHAMA	FOOCHOW VIA SWATOW & AMOY	Brit. str.	K. Suzuki	MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA	Quick despatch.	
FOOCHOW VIA SWATOW & AMOY	SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW	Brit. str.	REUCH	DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO.	On 2nd Jan.	
SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI	SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANFOO	Brit. str.	K. Hosogawa	MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Daylight.	
TAIWANFOO	MANILA	Brit. str.	S. Atsushi	DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO.	On 3rd Jan., at Daylight.	
MANILA	CEBU & ILIOLO	Brit. str.	H. H.	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 6th Jan.	
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	CEBU & ILIOLO	Brit. str.	Davies	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 10th Jan.	
BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE & CALCUTTA	MIRE MARU	Jap. str.	S. Kawamura	JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO.	On 9th Jan., at Noon.	
					On 4th Jan., at Noon.	

## SHIPPING.

## VESSELS ON THE BERTH

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW, THE Company's Steamship

HAIKHO.

Captain Roach, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 30th inst., at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAK &amp; CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1900. [3265]

THE OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND TAMSUI, THE Company's Steamship.

TAMSUI MARU.

Captain K. Hasegawa, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 30th inst., at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, Agents.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1900.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOATS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS.

LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX,

PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON MONDAY, the 31st December, 1900, at 1 P.M., the Company's Steamship SANLEN, Captain Schmitz with Mails, Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will leave this for MARSEILLES via BOMBAY.

Steamer connects at COLOMBO with VILLE DE LA CLOSET, which vessel takes Passengers and Mails, leaving the port the 12th January, 1901, direct to Suez, Said and Marseilles.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in trust through Marseilles for the principal cities of Europe.

Passenger Tickets will be granted till Noon.

Bills will be received on board until 4 P.M.

Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M. on the 31st December. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and Value of Packages are required.

Further Particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1900. [2]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOATS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

INDUS.

Captain Duchateau, will be despatched for the above ports on or about MONDAY, the 31st inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1900. [2]

ANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

THE Company's Steamship

TARTAR.

Captain G. D. Bowles, R.N.E., will leave Hongkong, on or about MONDAY, the 31st December, 1900.

From Victoria and Vancouver, via the Yellow Stone National Park route.

VICTORIA and VANCOUVER, B.C. INLAND SEA, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

N.B. The best connection at Vancouver with the Canadian Pacific Railway for all points in Eastern Canada, the United States and Europe.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 26th December, 1900. [3108]

## HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE

(FREIGHT SERVICE).

## NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD

(FREIGHT SERVICE).

Taking Charge at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS in the LEVANTE, BLACK SEA and BALTIc PORTS, NORTH &amp; SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS. DESTINATIONS. SAILING DATES.

WITTENBERG { HAVRE &amp; HAMBURG { On 29th } Freight. Capt. Hempel { (London with transhipment in Hamburg) } Dec. } 1901.

SAMBIA { HAVRE &amp; HAMBURG { About 23rd } Freight. Capt. Schmidt { (London with transhipment in Hamburg) } Jan. 1901. }

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